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I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YUCCA MT. SHOULD BE USED !

On September 22, 2001, I took the Yucca Mountain Open House Tour which is located in the Nevada Test Site area.

My purpose of going on the Tour was so I could witness first hand this project, in a effort to satisfy myself as to whether or not I was in favor of having all of the spent nuclear fuel, as well as the high-level radioactive waste, which has been generated through out the 77 different sites located across the United States, to now be shipped across our nation and permanently be dispose of at the Yucca Mountain Project, which is located in the state of Nevada.

The Tour included several briefings on the Site Characterizations, Environmental Studies, and a visit to the Exploratory Studies Facility. All of this I found to be very informative, educational and interesting. This information was very well presented to us by a large number of what I came to believe, were very competent and extremely knowledgeable Scientists. They seemed to be very willing to talk to lay people that were on the Tour, in a effort to convince them that this is the right way to solve the problem of radioactive waste.

Near the end of the Tour, we went to the Field Operations Center to view the Exhibits and have lunch. Once again their was a number of the Scientists available to answer any of the questions we might have.

I was talking to one of the Scientists and I asked him the following questions:

(1) What would happen if a terrorist would commandeer a large jet liner, loaded with fuel from the LAX air field and fly it into the mouth of the tunnel entrance or for that matter into the large Dark Blue Metal Tin Building, this building is use to receive and prepare the radioactive waste for storage.

His answer was: "That Would be highly unlike."

(2) What would you have told me (2) weeks prior, if I would have asked you the same question, only that they would fly a jet liner into the World Trade Building?

His answer was: "A Blank Look on his face, but no answer!"

(3) How much money has been spent on this Yucca Mountain Project?

His answer was: \$3,000,000,000.00 But, I as a resident of Nevada we do not have to pay for it, because our electric power comes from plants that generate electric power from the use of natural gas and only the users that receive their power from Nuclear plants have to pay into a fund which is supposed to finance the disposal of the radioactive waste. This fund over the years has accumulated to the amount of \$13,000,000,000.00

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(4) Are you telling me that there is right now, a slush fund which still has the amount of \$10,000,000.00 remaining in it?

His answer was: No not reality, because our government has taken most of this money out of the fund and use it for other purposes, just like they are doing with the Social Security funds.

Some of my reasons. after taking the Tour of the Yucca Mountain Project that I now **"DO NOT"** believe that the radioactive waste should be stored at the Yucca Mountain site.

- (A) I do not believe that the site is secure enough should it become involved in a terrorist attack or a attack from a unstable individual.
- (B) Why should the state of Nevada become a dump site for this waste from all the other states when in Nevada we are receiving our power from plants that do not produce any type of radioactive waste.
- (C) The idea of shipping this waste from the 77 sites which are located through out the United States seems to me to be inviting terrorist or unstable individual to attack it while in transit. After all a hand held missal launcher would be able to destroy the shipping casks in which they are planning to ship the waste in.
- (D) There are major geologic faults in this area and I am not convinced that if a major earthquake should occur, that new faults would allow assess to the under lying water table. (I understand that two days after our Tour, they experienced a minor earthquake in this area)
- (E) I also find it very hard to understand why the Reagan administration with the help of Congress to direct the DOE to characterize **"ONLY"** Yucca Mountain as a potential repository. Why was all the money spent on this site without also investigating the other five sites? This seems to me to be predetermine!

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